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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM; PROCEDURES

REF: A STATE 111198, B STATE 206654 AND OTHERS

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENTS RESPONSE IN REFTELS B
AUTHORIZING MOVEMENT OF 35 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES PRESENTLY AT TANJUNG
PINANG, RIAU ISLANDS, INDONESIA. A LOGISTICAL PROBLEM WITH THE
PROCESSING OF THESE CASES HAS ARISEN, HOWEVER, WHICH IT IS HOPED THE
DEPARTMENT CAN ASSIST IN RESOLVING.

2. UNDER EPP PROCEDURES OUTLINED REFTEL A MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF
REFUGEES IS REQUIRED IS THAT THIS MUST BE DONE BY AN EMBASSY PANEL
PHYSICIAN CERTIFIED BY THE USPHS. EITHER THE REFUGEES MUST COME TO
JAKARTA OR A PANEL PHYSICIAN MUST TRAVEL TO TANJUNG PINANG, AT
RATHER HIGH EXPENSE TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT OR UNHCR SINCE HE WOULD
ALSO BE DRAWN AWAY FROM HIS PRIVATE PRACTISE AND HAVE TO BE
COMPENSATED.

GOI HAS OFFERED TO HAVE INDONESIAN MILITARY DOCTORS PRESENTLY
AT TANJUNG PINANG CONDUCT THE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. THE
FACILITIES AT TANJUNG PINANG ALLOW FOR THE NORMAL X-RAY AND BLOOD
TESTS REQUIRED BY THE INA. THE EMBASSY APPROVES OF THIS SOLUTION
TO THE PROBLEM AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TO DEPART
FROM NORMAL PROCEDURES AND ACCEPT THE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS
CONDUCTED BY INDONESIAN MILITARY.

3. ANOTHER PROBLEM AREA IS THE ICEM REQUIREMENT OF SWORN FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS BEFORE ISSUANCE OF AIR TICKETS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 REFTEL
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A. MEETING THIS REQUIREMENT WOULD NECESSITATE THE DISPATCH OF A

VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE OFFICER TO TANJUNG PINANG AT CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE. EMBASSY BELIEVES SINCE THIS IS A REQUIREMENT OF ICEM IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE USG OR THE GOI TO PROVIDE THE OFFICER OR UNDERWRITE THE EXPENSE. RATHER WE SUGGEST IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EITHER UNHCR OR ICEM. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONSULT UNHCR AND ICEM ON THIS PROBLEM TO SEE IF EITHER THEY WILL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT OR WILL PROVIDE FUNDS AND MANPOWER FOR OBTAINING THE STATEMENTS.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE LONG MONTHS OF WAITING THE REFUGEES HAVE ALREADY UNDERGONE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE SOONEST.
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